

CLAIM SET AS AMENDED

1. (Previously Presented) A shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle including a shock absorbing member projecting from a vehicular body, wherein shock is absorbed by crashing said shock absorbing member, comprising:

a front end of said shock absorbing member located in front of a front wheel or in the vicinity of said front wheel;

a top wall of said shock absorbing member located at such a position that the top wall of said shock absorbing member does not block a forward viewing area for a driver, the top wall having a forward section with an inclined upper surface for permitting an operator to have a forward viewing area that is not obstructed;

a center of a leading end contact surface of said shock absorbing member located at a position higher than a vertical position of a center of gravity of both said vehicle and said driver; and

right and left side surfaces of said shock absorbing member offset to a center of a vehicular body from right and left side surfaces of said vehicular body.

2. (Original) The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim 1, wherein said shock absorbing member includes a plurality of reinforcing ribs formed for absorbing a shock.

3. (Original) The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim 2, wherein said plurality of reinforcing ribs includes ribs with partially thinned sections for facilitating the absorption of a shock.

☐ 4. (Canceled).

4/ 5. (Original) The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim 2, wherein said plurality of reinforcing ribs are arranged to be bilaterally symmetric with respect to an axis of shock absorbing member.

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5/ 6. (Original) The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim 2, wherein said plurality of reinforcing ribs are divided into a plurality of sections within said shocking absorbing member for sequentially absorbing a shock.

6/ 7. (Original) The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim 6, wherein said plurality of reinforcing ribs form substantially triangular shapes within each of said plurality of sections.

7/ 8. (Original) The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim 1, wherein said shocking absorbing member is formed from resin.

8/ 9. (Currently Amended) A shock absorbing structure for a vehicle including a shock absorbing member projecting from a vehicular body, comprising:

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a front end of said shock absorbing member located forward of a front wheel;

~~an upper end~~ a ceiling wall of said shock absorbing member, the ceiling wall being formed with an inclined upper surface and being positioned so as not to block a forward viewing area of an operator of the vehicle;

right and left side surfaces of said shock absorbing member being offset to a center of a vehicular body from right and left side surfaces of said vehicular body; and

a center of a leading end contact surface of said shock absorbing member located at a vertical position higher than a position of a center of gravity of both said vehicle and said operator;

~~wherein said upper end includes a forward section with an inclined upper surface so that said forward viewing area is not obstructed.~~

918. (Original) The shock absorbing structure for a vehicle according to claim 9, wherein said shock absorbing member includes a plurality of reinforcing ribs formed for absorbing a shock.

10 11. (Original) The shock absorbing structure for a vehicle according to claim 10, wherein said plurality of reinforcing ribs includes ribs with partially thinned sections for facilitating the absorption of a shock.

12-13. (Canceled).

~~11/14~~ 14. (Original) The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim ~~13~~ 9, wherein said plurality of reinforcing ribs are arranged to be bilaterally symmetric with respect to an axis of shock absorbing member.

C1 cont'd ~~12/13~~ 15. (Original) The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim ~~10~~ 9, wherein said plurality of reinforcing ribs are divided into a plurality of sections within said shocking absorbing member for sequentially absorbing a shock.

~~13/14~~ 16. (Original) The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim ~~13~~ 12, wherein said plurality of reinforcing ribs form substantially triangular shapes within each of said plurality of sections.

~~14/15~~ 17. (Original) The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim ~~9~~ 8, wherein said shocking absorbing member is formed from resin.
